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SUBJECT: DANISH ATTITUDE TOWARD GREEK APPLICATION
FOR EC MEMBERSHIP

1. ASKED ABOUT THE DANISH ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GREEK APPLICATION FOR FULL EC MEMBERSHIP, FOREIGN ECONOMICS MINISTER IVAR NORGAARD TOLD THE PRESS JUNE 12 THAT THE DANISH GOVT WAS "IN PRINCIPLE POSITIVE" TOWARD EXPANDING THE GROUP OF EC MEMBERS BY INCLUDING COUNTRIES ABLE TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH ARISE IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE TREATIES CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. NORGAARD ADDED THAT THE APPLICATION
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FOR MEMBERSHIP WOULD HAVE TO BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE

WITH RELEVANT PROCEDURES, AND THE FIRST STEP WOULD BE TO HAVE AN EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE WHETHER GREECE IS ABLE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ALTERATIONS IN ITS TARIFF AND IMPORT RESTRICTIONS POLICIES, AND ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMON AGRICULTURE POLICY.

2. POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH TOLD ME JUNE 17 THAT THE NORGAARD STATEMENT PRETTY WELL SUMMED UP THE DANISH POSITION AT THIS STAGE. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE STATEMENT HAD TWO PARTS: THE FIRST CONSISTED OF THE PHRASE "IN PRINCIPAL POSITIVE"; WHILE THE SECOND CONCERNED "COUNTRIES ABLE TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES." THE GREEKS HAD BEEN HAPPY WITH THE FIRST; THE TURKS WITH THE SECOND. THE TURKS HAD ASKED ABOUT THE STATEMENT AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT EQUAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PUT ON BOTH POINTS.

3. COMMENT: THE DANES ARE OBVIOUSLY CONTENT WITH WHAT THEY CONSIDER THEIR EVEN-HANDED POSTURE AT THIS TIME, BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT THEY WILL BE AMONG THOSE ASKING SERIOUS AND SEARCHING QUESTIONS WHEN THE ACTUAL TALKS BEGIN.
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